rehabilitation of 72 MGD capacity is also being taken up under YAP-II in Delhi. So far, an amount of Rs. 686 crore has been utilized under YAP-I and YAP-II.

Regularization of pre-1980 forest encroachments

2629. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

.(a) whether the Government of Orissa has furnished a complete proposal under Forests Conservation Act, 1980, in respect of seventeen districts of the State for regularization of pre-1980 forests encroachments in accordance with guidelines of the Government of India dated 18th October, 1990;

(b) if so, for how many districts the approval have been received, so far;

(c) how much time do Government require to give the approval for the pending proposals; and

(d) the details of action taken by the Central Government for the same so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir

(b)The in-principle approval of Central Government for regularization of encroachments in 9 districts, under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has already been granted on 23.08.2006.

(c) and (d) The proposal for regularization of encroachments in remaining districts is under process.

Utility of projects

†2630. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has questioned the utility of several projects concerning his Ministry and recommended their immediate discontinuance;

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